GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3049
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PRODUCTION OF GYPSUM
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether gypsum is a by-product of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited:

(b) If so, production of gypsum during each of the last three years;

(c) Whether this by-product is being utilized;

(d) If so, the details thereof;

(e) Whether any new venture is being planned for the production of gypsum; and

(fj If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir;-Gypsum is a by-product of phosphoric acid being produced by Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited. The production of Gypsum during each of the last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity of Gypsum produced
2004-05	4,19,000 MT
2005-06	5,05,000 MT
2006-07	4,89,000 MT

(d) Yes Sir, Gypsum is sold by FACT for agricultural and commercial purposes. Gypsum is utilized for soil conditioning and for manufacture of cement.

(e) & (f) No Sir. However, FACT is exploring the possibility of manufacture of value added products by using gypsum.